
Lafayette County's Older Population

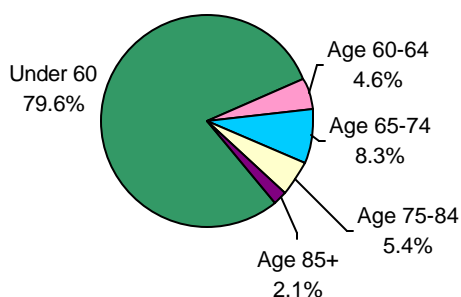
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Lafayette County is higher than that of the state as a whole (15.8% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much slower in this county than in the state as a whole (2.6% versus 7.9%). In all, 2,553 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 331 of these are age 85 or older. Lafayette County's average (or median) age is 38.1 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Lafayette County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	16,137		16,076		61	0.4%
Persons 60 and over	3,294	20.4%	3,293	20.5%	1	0.0%
Persons 65 and over	2,553	15.8%	2,488	15.5%	65	2.6%
Persons 85 and over	331	2.1%	248	1.5%	83	33.5%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Lafayette County Population in Each Group



Race:

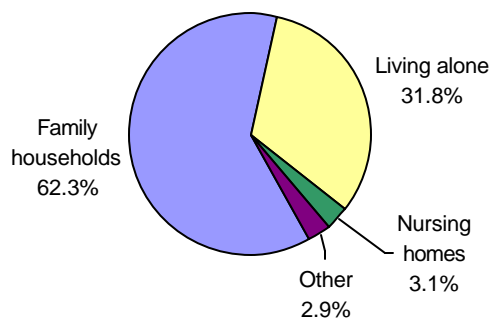
A large majority (99.7%) of Lafayette County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Lafayette County African Americans have a median age of 33.5 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.0 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.3 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 6,211 households in Lafayette County, 1,817 include at least one person age 65 or older (29.3% of all households). A total of 1,734 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 82.3% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (62.3%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 31.8% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 2.7% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 78 people age 65 and older live in Lafayette County nursing homes (3.1% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Lafayette County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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